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SUBJECT: AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THREATS TO POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULATE
STAFF IN U.S.

TEXT FOLLOWS OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AIDE-MEMOIRE HANDED ME
THIS AFTERNOON, MARCH 3, BY POLISH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SPASOWSKI.

BEGIN TEXT. IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT GROWTH
OF THREATS TO THE SECURITY OF THE DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND
OTHER OFFICES OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (PPR) IN THE
UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OF THEIR PERSONNEL.

(1) IN OCTOBER, 1975, THE TERRORISTIC ORGANIZATION "FREE
POLAND" INTENSIFIED ITS ACTIVITY OF MAILING PROVOCATIVE LETTERS
AND THREATS AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF POLISH OFFICES.

ON OCTOBER 7, 1975, THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MADE A
DEMARCHE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, INSISTING THAT A STOP BE
PUT TO THIS TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE POLISH SIDE ALSO RAISED THE
MATTER OF "FREE POLAND" DURING THE VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
A. HARTMAN TO WARSAW IN OCTOBER, 1975. IT WAS THEN POINTED OUT
THAT THIS MATTER THREATENS OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELA-

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TIONS.

FOLLOWING A SHORT INTERVAL, "FREE POLAND" HAS, HOWEVER, RENEWED ITS ACTIVITY AGAINST POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES.

(2) ON JANUARY 16, 1976, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK. THIS BOMB ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE". ON THE SAME DAY, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAVE THE EMBASSY OF THE USA IN WARSAW A PROTEST AS WELL AS A DEMAND THAT IT BE ASSURED OF THE FULL SECURITY OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES AND OF THEIR PERSONNEL. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT WE EXPECTED THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS SO THAT POLISH OFFICES MIGHT FUNCTION WITHOUT DISTURBANCE AND THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THESE ACTS SHOULD BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERICAN LAW. THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK PROTESTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK.

(3) ON JANUARY 14, 1975 (SIC; SHOULD READ: 1976), AN ANONYMOUS CALLER INFORMED THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO BY TELEPHONE THAT THE "FREE POLAND" ORGANIZATION WAS PLANNING TO KIDNAP ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICES OF THE PPR IN THE UNITED STATES.

(4) IN JANUARY, 1976, THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO RECEIVED A LETTER CONTAINING A "BLACK LIST" OF SIX EMPLOYEES OF THAT OFFICE WHO WERE ALLEGED TO BE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.

(5) IN JANUARY, 1976, THE CONSUL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK WAS DETAINED BY THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE PORT OF NEWARK AS HE WAS LEAVING A POLISH SHIP. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO SUBJECT HIM TO A PERSONAL SEARCH AND TO CARRY OUT A SEARCH OF HIS AUTOMOBILE.

(6) ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THE PERIODICAL "US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE SLANDERING THE PERSONNEL OF POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

(7) ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976, THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "DAILY NEWS" PUBLISHED A SLANDEROUS NEWS STORY, IN WHICH THE NAMES OF TWO POLISH DIPLOMATS WERE GIVEN

AS ALLEGEDLY THOSE OF PEOPLE CONDUCTING INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITY. REFERENCE BY THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE TO THE
MURDER OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN WELCH CREATED AN
OBVIOUSLY THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE POLISH DIPLOMATS.

(8) IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES
OF BURGLARIES OF POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES,
FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE OF LOT AND ORBIS, AS WELL AS
BURGLARIES OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF POLISH WORKERS.
THE AUTOMOBILES OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW
YORK HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND STOLEN.
YOU KNOW THAT THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ALSO
INTERVENED LAST YEAR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
THE MATTER OF THE ASSAULT ON THE COUNSELOR AND CONSUL
GENERAL OF THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, JOZEF
ANCUZURA, BY A DELAWARE STATE TROOPER.

THE FACTS CITED ABOVE SHOW THAT POLISH OFFICES AND
THEIR PERSONNEL FIND THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY
THREATENED. REPEATED ACTS OF TERROR,
ATTEMPTS TO TERRIFY, SLANDER, AND THE CREATION OF AN
ATMOSPHERE WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE NORMAL COURSE OF
WORK CANNOT FAIL TO AWAKEN DEEP CONCERN. SUCH A
SITUATION CONTRADICTS THE STATE OF POLISH-AMERICAN
RELATIONS.

DESPITE NUMEROUS INTERVENTIONS BY THE POLISH SIDE,
THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN THE
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CREATE A NORMAL SITUATION FOR
POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF SUCH A
SITUATION.

YOU KNOW THAT AMERICAN OFFICES IN POLAND ENJOY
EVERY CONDITION FOR THEIR SECURITY AND FOR THE
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POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING THEIR ACTIVITIES WITHOUT
DISTURBANCE.

THE POSITION PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE
OFFICE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO THE
DEMARCHÉ MADE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE EMBASSY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND MUST AROUSE FURTHER
CONCERN.

THE POLISH SIDE EXPECTS THAT THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE
THE SECURITY OF POLISH OFFICES AND THEIR PERSONNEL
AND WILL TAKE ACTION TO PERMIT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING
OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS.
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